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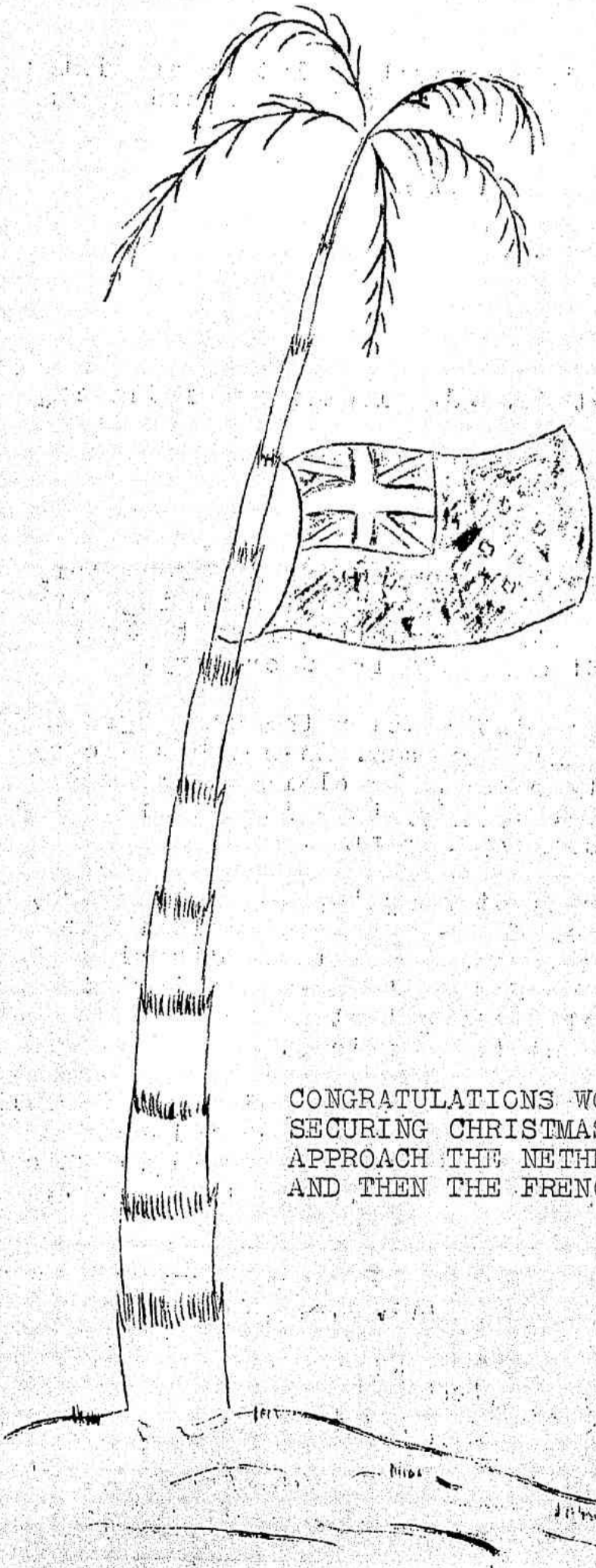
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W O R O N I



# CHRISTMAS I. RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA

After eighteen months, WORONI's efforts to awaken the Commonwealth Government to its duty in the Near North-East have succeeded. During the final week of the vacation it was announced that Christmas Island (Indian Ocean), not the barren and H-bomb-blasted Pacific isle that most Asian newspapers took it for, but a very treasure-store of guano, so necessary in the encouragement of growth of the wheat which is still, despite the rapid rise in our metal exports, spurred by overseas discoveries of new uses for metals and Australian enterprise, one of our main earners of foreign currency, is to be ceded to the Commonwealth.

The public reaction is well caught by "Playboy", who telegrams:

CONGRATULATIONS WORONI ON YOUR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN SECURING CHRISTMAS ISLAND FOR AUSTRALIA STOP WHY NOT NOW APPROACH THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT FOR DUTCH NEW GUINEA AND THEN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR NEW CALEDONIA STOP

Another correspondent, believed to be a well-known student of Law at this College, suggests that we may turn our attention to Heligoland, Peru, and Ethiopia.

Clearly Australian imperialism is on the march: WORONI will be in its vanguard.



(Editorial)

As we spent the last week  
During which elsewhere had we not published WORONI  
Adelaide in, or commuting betwixt there and Salisbury  
There is now no Editorial.

In the next issue  
Likewise we publish the matter is not in this issue,  
Turner-O'Connor Progress Group's long correspondence  
And a review of "Quadrant"

Now our thanks go  
To our staff that without their approval we lately appointed  
To the folk who supplied us with pages of letters and words  
And our typist and printer.

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S.R.C. OFFICERS

At its first meeting, the 27th S.R.C. elected the following  
office-bearers:

VICE-PRESIDENT	John Carroll
SECRETARY	Joan Thomson
TREASURER	Alf McCarthy

It was agreed to ease the excessive burden on the Secretary  
by appointing her Pat Geach as Assistant Secretary, and shifting work  
connected with clubs and societies and student publications to Judy  
Baskin, now glorying in the title of Student Affairs Secretary.

John Carroll was re-appointed Editor under the same agreement  
as held between the 25th S.R.C. and Dennis Edwards. No-one has a copy  
of this agreement, and John is the only person who claims to remember  
its terms. He did summarize it in WORONI 1955/3, in which Dennis asked  
him to copy it, and will reprint the summary sometime.

Josie Richards will take our minutes again, and Bill Thorn,  
John Edwards, Dr. Evatt, and Sir Wilfred Kent-Hughes were elected to  
the "Present Committee". This committee, whose task is to distribute  
small presents (whence the small p), was formed to make meaningful  
Mr. Parkes motion for tonight's General Meeting that members of the  
present Committee be debarred from Association offices.

This issue of WORONI was edited in a hurry by John L. Carroll  
who takes legal responsibility and no other for matter contained  
therein; and who asks you to come to the meeting at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ pm tonight which  
will take up discussion of the motions not dealt with at the A.G.M.,  
and to read the notices below:

FRIDAY LUNCH-HOUR MEETINGS	
Forum Club (THE COLLEGE ROSTRUM) 12.40 Friday 14th at the College	Recorded Music Society 12.40 Friday 21st at the College
PART-TIMERS ARE WELCOME	



# Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

At the 1957 Annual General Meeting of the Students' Association, 23 students voted in favour of a motion which condemned an aspect of African 'apartheid'. That vote was sufficient to carry the motion, and, no doubt, in due course it will be presented to the South African Government as the voice of the C.U.C. students.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Van Rhijn, the South African Minister for Economic Affairs, recently (LAP 18/5/57) accused Great Britain of applying racial segregation more strictly than South Africa. Professor Clark reminded us in his "Democrat on the Ganges" lecture (8/5/57) that Australia practises 'apartheid' ... and we have our White Australia Policy!

The South African motion was very poorly debated and its proposer openly admitted his lack of specialist knowledge on South African problems and administration. It may be that the motion was submitted only to provide bulk at a time when it may have appeared that there would have been a dearth of motions for discussion at the Annual General Meeting - but there was ample time in which to withdraw it. The fact remains that a small unrepresentative vote of only 23 students passed a resolution which will be handed to the world as a product of the mature deliberations of some 400 C.U.C. students.

Two important points emerge from this incident:

- (i) We can dissociate ourselves from irresponsible resolutions only by attending the general meetings of the Students' Association and preventing their passage;
- (ii) Canberra student affairs seriously lack drive when matters of local significance are shadowed by dilettantish discussions of the internal politics of foreign nations.

There is a current rumour, too widespread to be altogether without foundation, that at the general meeting to be held early in second term, that motions will be submitted concerning a revision of the depth of graves in Heligoland, the price of Alnaca wool in Peru, and the compulsory wearing of academic gowns by all clerks in Ethiopia. (Our Constitution may not provide for ex-Australian discussions, but they have been allowed on the agenda in the past.)

To ensure that motions of the type illustrated above are ignominiously rejected and that the Association meetings concentrate on finding remedies for genuine student grievances and on implementing constructive student suggestions, all students - including those studying law - should make a special effort to be present at the forthcoming general meeting.

"FIORI"

Dear Sir,

Mr Rinaldi's letter nowhere disputes the disapproval of South African 'apartheid' methods, which was so obviously felt by students. If he feels that British and Australian policies ought also to be condemned, he should frame a motion to that effect himself. Objections on the ground that a motion does not cover everything merely prevent anything from being done at all.

Chris Masterman.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (ctd)

Sir,

I trust that we will never again be treated to the nauseating spectacle of a handful of members parading their lofty attainments before a meeting of the Students' Association. It is indeed interesting to learn that John Citizen was once Deputy-Commissar of Wee Scribbling Blocks and Pencil Erasers, and that for many years he filled this important position with dignity and aplomb, but is this news so staggering: is it even relevant?

There may yet be time for these students to learn that their performances, though meritorious, are not unique, and that an A.G.M. is not the place to indulge one's Narcissus complex. I for one give more weight to a man's present ability than to the achievements of his more active years.

ALAN LANGRISH



Dear Sir,

I would like to protest against members of the Public Service being used as guinea-pigs by the Psychology Department. Apparently Gavin Seagrim and his seven Social Psychology students are trying to find out something about the attitudes of public servants towards the Public Service. Sir, we are the butt of the press, of the general public, of radio entertainers, and now, it seems, of the Canberra University College Psychology Department.

Please let us remain undisturbed in our comfortable jobs. Everyone knows that public servants do not drink, smoke, take part in politics, or, least of all, possess attitudes.

As a rather tired public servant I plead for the Psychology department to stop its experiments with us and, if they do obtain any results, to keep them to themselves, in case they should reach the wrong ears.

"SERVUS PUBLICUS".

CANBERRA UNIVERSITY  
LAW SOCIETY  
will hold a  
MOOT  
on  
FRIDAY JUNE 21 at 7.30  
in LAW LIBRARY  
ALL WELCOME

GENERAL MEETING  
OF  
C.U.C.S.A.  
STUDENTS COMMON  
ROOM  
WED. JUNE 12<sup>th</sup> at 8.30  
COME ALONG.